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Rep. Ose Named Chair of Policy Subcommittee on Environment, Resources, and Agriculture

WASHINGTON (**Friday, March 23, 2001**)—House Policy Chairman Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) announced today that Rep. Doug Ose (R-Calif.) would serve as chairman of the House Policy Subcommittee on Environment, Resources, and Agriculture in the 107th Congress.

"It is appropriate that a Californian serve in this position because of the current challenges we face in the West," said House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert. "Doug's colleagues are grateful he has agreed to assume this additional responsibility and confident he will make significant contributions to House policy."

"As a fellow Californian and as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, Congressman Ose brings extensive knowledge of issues relevant to our agenda," Chairman Cox said. "His leadership on energy, agriculture, environment, and natural resources issues will directly affect the policy of the House of Representatives."

"I look forward to the opportunity to work with the rest of the Policy Committee members in developing sound policy to protect our environment, natural resources and the agriculture community," Rep. Ose said. "This is a critical time for our nation's energy policy and I am confident we can make positive steps to meet the challenges."

As the nationally known experts with whom the Policy Committee has worked formally and informally in recent years have moved into the Bush administration, the Policy Committee has responded by establishing a formal subcommittee structure to fulfill its mission as the policy-making arm of the House of Representatives. Chairman Cox announced Rep. Ose's appointment at Thursday's weekly Policy Committee meeting.

The House Policy Committee is the Majority's principal forum for discussion of specific legislative initiatives, for the enunciation of official priorities, and for the resolution of interjurisdictional policy disputes. More information on the Committee, including a list of its 46 Members, is available at http://policy.house.gov.